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Rundstedt's All-Out Offensive

Not Likely To Be Halted This Week: Liege-Bastogne Road Cut

First U. S. Army Headquarters Dec. 21. It is officially stated here today that Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive against General Hodges front is not likely to be halted this week.

S. H. A. E. F., PARIS, Thursday: It is reported tonight that the German counter-offensive has driven 35 miles into Belgium beyond Malmedy, cutting the Liege-Bastogne road about 14 miles south of Liege.

From Reuter's Military Commentator: London, Dec. 21:—

The Rundstedt offensive is a much more desperate affair than is generally realised, because of that it is also so serious for the Allies. Rundstedt is a cautious and capable commander. He knew that General Eisenhower wanted to win the war on this west side of the Rhine. Then why did Rundstedt decide to do just what General Eisenhower wanted him to do? As the sheer size of the German attack becomes apparent, it is evident that there was an overriding military consideration which compelled a German assault and timed it for now and not later. The secret for this decision has to be sought on the east front and not the west. On Tuesday of this week, the "New York Times" said that Mr. Churchill's statement on Poland in Parliament on Friday last gave political all-clear to the Russians concentrated on the Polish front. The terrain there has been drying and the ground is hard.

FEAR OF GRAND OFFENSIVES

Russian railway construction and build up has reached enormous proportions. Something like 350 Soviet Divisions have been rested and may now be ready. Now, whatever plans the German High Command may have had up its sleeve, it could not conceivably cope with Allied grand offensives simultaneously attacking in west, east and south-west. The Germans hope to avert this by striking so hard in the west that an Allied recovery was out of the question before the eastern offensive started. Just because Rundstedt's plan is so ambitious and so dangerous, if it fails that we must expect even greater effort on the German part to drive on towards their objectives. These are clearly Liege and Antwerp in the north, Namur in the centre and Luxembourg and Thionville in the south. But, for Rundstedt this is not another 1940. Somewhere on his flank is a British Army that has come a long way in four years.—Reuter.

TIGER TANKS IN ACTION

From Reuter's special correspondent with the U. S. First Army near Stavelot, Belgium (Wednesday night).

Standing in the mistfilled forest outside Stavelot, the tragic story of American soldiers fighting huge German Royal Tiger Tanks with only rifles and bazookas—fighting even when surrounded beyond hope—can be pieced together. Grey hordes of Wehrmacht with formations of seventy-ton and eighty-ton tanks were thrown against this area by the German High Command. The Germans gained much ground, but have not over-run these soldiers at Stavelot.

Beyond Stavelot in the Monschau forest, lies another story—a chaotic story of wrecked American equipment. German cameramen for the first time in this campaign were able to photograph long lines of American prisoners. By the side of long rows of burnt and blackened American lorries, half-tracks and ambulances, were sprawled American bodies—many American bodies.

To realise what devilish trap these American columns were in, you must understand the Monschau forest with only few small trails, over which equipment could be evacuated. Then you must visualise huge dumps and large rolling convoys. Then slowly it can be seen what happened, when the German offensive successfully broke over the area, and it was necessary to retreat under bursting shells and bombs. All this has unbelievably changed General Hodges First Army. There is hatred in the eyes which have long been calm, and there is bitterness in the hearts that have long been kind. At this minute while mass and more German forces are being hurled against our line, men no longer talk. The sting of defeat is took salty to permit of idle talk—only death to this grey horde facing us will relax these grim faces of men who were once only American youths and businessmen in uniforms, but now are soldiers from the heart out.

FIGHTING NEAR STAVELOT

The entire German tank and infantry force which blazed away into the American lines at the northern shoulder of the offensive front during the night was destroyed by troops of the U. S. First Army before dawn today. The German forces have apparently made no great gains in the Malmedy sector in the last 24 hours, and Gen. Hodges' men were still holding Malmedy this morning. Fighting is going on near Stavelot, although the situation in Luxembourg is still fluid. One American Patrol facing the centre of Von Rundstedt's push has succeeded in re-crossing a small river south of Stavelot. Further south, however, 25 German tanks and half tracks have broken through the American road block in the Luxembourg area. One unit near Malmedy has reported destroying 28 German tanks so far in their sector alone.

FORWARD GERMAN SURGE

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at SHAEF, PARIS, Thursday: Considerable check and stabilisation at least of certain parts of the front of the Germans' Ardennes offensive is indicated by restoration of the American positions east of Monschau after surrounding the German force which had entered the town. Large American islands of resistance cut off by the forward German surge are fighting stubbornly behind the spearhead at Stavelot and Butgenbach.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at advanced Sixth Army Group Headquarters, (Thursday):

The sudden lounge by Seventh Army troops into the first belt of pillboxes, dragons teeth and anti-tank traps of the Siegfried defences caused the Germans to rush concentrations of self-propelled guns into the threatened area.

Americans were to-day engaged in very bitter fighting half a mile inside the Palatinate section of the Siegfried lines in the Haardt mountains in the Bundenthal area, seven miles north-west of Wissembourg. They are using some of the German defences as protection against furious shelling.

Twenty First Army Group Headquarters: A spokesman at Field Marshal Montgomery's Headquarters said to-day (Thursday): "The German attacks have made considerable progress and we must expect them to make more, but Allied counter-measures are now beginning to take effect."

Who Is To Foot The Bill?

Munster's New Deal For British Troops

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

Lord Munster's report on the amenities for British Troops in India is generally well received here. It, however, raises two issues. Firstly, what about Indian Troops? Particularly those who are away from their homeland and, therefore, are at par with British Troops in this country?

Lord Munster, in his report, says that his findings and recommendations "do not, of course, apply so much to Indian Troops, who are serving in their own country. But India is of vast size and men from one province do not always find themselves at home in another. Even for Indian Troops in rearward areas, much has been done while in forward areas they are just as dependent on amenities supplied for them as are British Troops. Though my unfamiliarity with Indian languages and tastes makes it more difficult for me to appreciate their needs and someone better qualified in these respects might place emphasis differently and point to other directions in which improvement is required. I have referred to the needs of Indian Troops wherever appropriate."

Secondly, what about the cost involved in Lord Munster's proposals? Who is to bear this cost, Britain or India? The Indo-British agreement which allocates Defence expenditure between two countries lays down that Defence expenditure incurred by India will be apportioned between two Governments on the following basis. India has to bear a fixed sum representing normal, not effective cost of Army in India under peace conditions (26 crores) plus addition to allow for rise in prices, plus cost of such war measures as can be regarded purely Indian liability by reason of their having been undertaken by India in her own interest and a lump sum payment of Rs. one crore towards extra cost of maintaining India's External Defence Troops overseas.

The agreement as will be seen is definite, precise and does not permit variations as contemplated by Lord Munster's report. It is presumed the Finance Member will throw some light on this and other issues such as increase in pay to British personnel in Indian army in his budget speech on February 28.

Churchill On Amenities For Troops In Far East

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Lieut. Gen. King is to be personal representative of the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill in Indian and South East Asia Command for welfare.

It will be his duty to ascertain how matters progress and to report to the Prime Minister any difficulties that might arise. This was announced by Mr. Churchill in the Commons to-day in a statement on Lord Munster's visit to India and the Burma front.

Mr. Riley (Labour): "Is it not possible for an arrangement to be made that this White Paper should be debated because it is the opinion of many members of the House that these disabilities are due to appalling social and economic conditions obtaining in India now?"

There was no reply and the discussion ended.

Gurkhas Used Against Greeks

"VILLAGE WORK YOUR ASSET"

Gandhiji's Message To Gujarat Congressmen

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21

A special meeting of Central Committee of Congress workers all over Gujarat was held under the presidentship of Dr. Chandulal Desai at Utarsanda, Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa was also present.

Mr. Narhari Parikh delivered the message of Mahatmaji which runs as follows: "Camp in every village and engross yourself there. I wish you to bury yourself in village work, come in full contact with people and assure them that that is their own work. Consider village work as your asset. If your 'sadhna' will be of a true heart, full independence will come before long."

The meeting decided to establish legal aid committees in every taluka and village.

Gandhiji Feels Better

Starts Regular Work & Studies Tamil

WARDHA, Dec. 21.

Mahatma Gandhi is much better today and there is improvement in his health. There was no temperature today. He is attending to his regular work and reading religious books. Recently he has started the study of Tamil. Numerous telegrams inquiring about his health are pouring in Sevagram.—United Press.

CONFISCATED ARTICLES RESTORED TO OWNERS

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21.

The Session Judge of Ahmedabad ordered under Section 17(B), 2, of the Criminal Law Amendment Act the return of articles lying in the Congress House to the respective applicant-owners. He further ordered that if any article was missing the District Magistrate should give adequate compensation.

It may be mentioned that some four anna Congress members including Sheth Ambalal Sarabhai had made applications for the return of their furniture and articles lying in the Congress House which was attached by Government in August 1942.—United Press.

Ten Lakhs For Mahadeo Desai Memorial

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21.

A decision to collect Rs. ten lakhs before August 1945 to raise a memorial for the late Mr. Mahadeo Desai was taken at a meeting of the Central Committee of Gujerat Congressmen held today at Uttarsaanda village near Ahmedabad. The meeting also resolved to work out the constructive programme laid down by Mahatma Gandhi and decided to open branches of the Poor Men's Legal Aid Society and Political Sufferers Relief Association in Gujerat.—A. P.

FIVE P. & O. VESSELS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20: Five P. and O. vessels, including the "Strathallan", the 'Viceroy of India,' the 'Narkunda' and 'Ettrick', were sunk by enemy action in connection with Allied landings in North Africa, and the successful campaign in the Mediterranean.

This was revealed by Deputy Chairman A. O. Long at the annual general meeting of the Company to-day.

"With such a hazardous operation", said Long, "it was only to be expected that losses of ships would occur. We were indeed fortunate that our losses of men and ships were not greater. Our officers and men lived up to the highest mercantile marine traditions.—Reuter.

Cathay Sunk In Mediterranean

LONDON: It is now learnt that the Fifth P. and O. liner mentioned as sunk by enemy action in Mediterranean was Cathay.—Reuter

Soviet Advance Towards Kosice

MOSCOW: A supplement to the Soviet communique reported that the heavily fortified Czechoslovak railway station of Tornalia, which was one of the main German defence points on River Slawa, north-west of Miskolcz, was captured by Soviet troops yesterday (Wednesday). Other Soviet units occupied the road junction of Batka as well as the village of Janoszowce. The Red Army's advance towards the Czech industrial and rail centre of Kosice continues to make good progress.

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BEVAN WARNS CHURCHILL

THREAT OF CENSURE MOTION

LONDON, Dec. 21

Speaking in the Greek debate in the House of Commons on Wednesday, Sir Percy Harris, prominent Liberal speaker said: "the conscience of Britain is stirred by the incident in Greece. This feeling is not agitation engineered by the left. There is deep resentment among the common people in Britain who feel their sons are being used to shoot down our Allies. There is suspicion too that Government is playing the game of power politics and endeavouring to establish a sphere of influence. The real danger is that all the Allies are manoeuvring for position. We are sowing seeds for future wars."

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) said "Where we landed as liberators, we look like staying as tyrants in the eyes of many Greeks." Mr. Bevan declared "We are meeting now under the shadow of a threat by General Scobie distributed over Athens today. General Scobie has declared by leaflet—that unless EAM guns cease firing by nine o'clock to-morrow, every gun we have at our disposal and bomber rockets and tanks will be used against Athens."

Mr. Bevan said Mr. Eden did not tell them how much the Greek people resented the Gurkhas being used against them.

Members shouted: "What's wrong with that?" and 'colour bar.'

Mr. Bevan added, "I don't object on general grounds to the use of black troops, but the Greeks object as much to being dragooned by the Gurkhas in Greece as the Spaniards did to being dragooned by Moors. Gurkhas are being used in Greece, because they are a politically backward people, and can be relied upon to fire upon the Greek people." (shouts of protest).

Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary intervened saying: "I must tell the House that it is a fact that the overwhelming majority of our troops in Greece at this moment are White troops."

Mr. Bevan: It is perfectly true that at the beginning, a very considerable proportion were Gurkhas. We are now pouring white troops.

Mr. Molson (Conservative): May I ask what the point of the offensive remark was that Gurkhas were being used?

Mr. Bevan: The point of the remark was that the Greek people resent Gurkhas being there, as you would resent their being used in similar circumstances.

There was considerable amount of shouting and some members rose to their feet.

After some interruptions Mr. Bevan added: "Mr. Greenwood spoke in very moderate terms. He said we did not wish to end the Coalition Government on this issue. But Conservatives must not put too much strain on us, because if they wish to do these things they must carry the responsibility themselves, Labour participation in some of these policies has gone as far as some of us will allow." Mr. Bevan declared that if after the House resumes after Christmas British forces were used any further for subjugation of the Greek people and if the Parliamentary Labour Party itself did not put down a vote of censure on Government, other Labour members would, so as to make it clear to the country that if these policies were going to be continued against the peoples of Greece they were policies of Conservatives alone and not of Parliament.—Reuter.

Suggestion For Christmas Truce In Greece

LONDON, Dec. 21: A suggestion that there should be Christmas Truce in Greece was made by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, in the Commons to-day. Mr. Greenwood suggested that Mr. Eden might use his good offices to this end, perhaps as one way to help to solve the problem.

Mr. Eden replied: I made a very full statement of Government position yesterday. I hope I made it clear to the House and all in Greece that our desire is that this business should be brought to a speedy conclusion. That is the position of the British Government. That is the position on which we stand and by that position we must hold.

Mr. Seymour Cocks (Labour): This is quite another idea altogether. This is truce. Will he not seriously consider using his influence to stop the ultimatum just for a week.

Mr. Eden: Our object is not to stop it for a week, but obtain a final solution of this business. With that purpose in view, I made a statement to the House yesterday which has been transmitted to Greece. I hope this statement will have the effect desired. I really cannot say more than that now.—Reuter.

Fighting Between Edes And Elas

ATHENS, Dec. 21: Hostilities have broken out between ELAS and the right-wing Edes forces of General Zervas in Epirus, it was reported in Greek circles here last night. British quarters are at present unable to confirm this but it is known that strong forces of ELAS have been concentrated on the boundary of Edes territory.

Reports of outbreak of hostilities between Edes (right wing) and ELAS (left wing) forces to-day were clarified by authoritative British sources. It was stated that clashes have occurred ten miles east of Annina in three tiny villages inside ELAS territory. Edes supporters were driven back over the Edes-ELAS boundary as laid down by the Caserta agreement, but ELAS troops stopped short of the boundary, thus not infringing the Caserta agreement.

It is learnt here that contrary to Wednesday morning's statement from an authoritative source the Papandreou Cabinet as a whole did not send the cable to King George of the Hellenes recommending the appointment of a regent. It is stated that M. Papandreou alone signed the telegram and that Ministers and other political leaders cabled the King individually, possibly expressing a contrary view.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent, Athens), Thursday: It is authoritatively stated this morning that British forces have now cleared about one-third of Athens. A big area south of the suburb of Kallithea and also Plaka, a district north-east of the Acropolis were cleared yesterday. The majority of ELAS forces in Athens itself are now holding the northern section of the city. ELAS forces in the whole of the Athens-Piraeus area are estimated at 20,000 compared with the estimate of 25,000 nine days ago.

RAISMAN'S SUCCESSOR

Sir Archibald Rowlands For Viceroy's Council

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

A "communique" says: His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Sir Archibald Rowlands at present Adviser to the Viceroy on War Administration to be a member of the Governor-General's Executive Council in succession to Sir Jeremy Raisman whose tenure of office expires in April 1945.

India's new Finance Member-designate, 52-year-old Sir Archibald Rowlands, has extensive experience of finance, particularly military finance. He was Financial Adviser, Military Finance, Government of India, in 1937-39, went as Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Air Ministry in 1939-40, became Permanent Secretary, Minister of Aircraft Production and in November 1943 came out to India again as Adviser to the Viceroy on War Administration.

Sir Archibald has also been Private Secretary to successive Secretaries of State for War, Viscount Hailsham, Viscount Halifax and Mr. Duff Cooper.—A. P.

Governor Opens Rotary Club's Canteen In Bombay

BOMBAY, Thursday.

His Excellency the Governor in his speech, at the opening of the Rotary Club Canteen at Victoria Terminus, welcomed an addition to the Canteens of the city. His Excellency said, since the war began, many thousands of servicemen had passed through Bombay. They must expect greater numbers than ever in the future, and until Japan was defeated, it was proper to expect to see continually increasing demands upon the city's welfare resources.

To all who had worked together to establish the Canteen, His Excellency extended his warmest thanks and appreciation, and especially to the G. I. P. Railway for designing and erection of the Canteen.

GAZDAR TO BE IN CHARGE OF FINANCE

Reshuffling of portfolios of Sind Ministers took place today. Pir Illahibux has been given all the portfolios held by him previously except Agriculture.

Mr. M. H. Gazdar has been allotted the portfolio of Finance while the Premier will be in charge of Revenue, Agriculture and Post-War Development programme.—A. P.

Allied Attack North Of Faenza

BERLIN: The German Communique to-day reported in Italy that the Allies preceded the great attack north of Faenza with drumfire barrage of 100,000 rounds from guns of all calibres on a six mile front, but in spite of this the Germans were pressed back only just over a mile. In Hungary Soviet forces have gone over to the attack between lake Balaton and the Danube where fierce fighting is now going on.—Reuter.

B-29-'s Daylight Raid On Mukden

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21: Super-Fortresses bombed industrial targets in Mukden in daylight on Thursday announces the War Department. About 60 Super-Fortresses took part in the raid. They were from Major-General Lemay's Twentieth Bomber Command.

Reuter adds that Mukden is in Manchuria in the north-east of China proper. It is a site of important steel and whale oil factories and together with Dairen it has already been raided twice this month.—Reuter.

Farouk Reinstates Senators Displaced By Nahas Pasha

CAIRO, Dec. 21:—King Farouk last night annulled the decree issued under the Nahas Pasha Administration in 1942 which created 29 senators—one-fifth of the Senate. The Royal decree also reinstates the senators displaced by Nahas Pasha, thus giving Government a majority in the Senate.—Reuter.

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee and the Executive Council of the Indian Hockey Federation will be held in Poona on December 28 and 29.—A. P.

The Delhi Students' Congress has collected about 50,000 signatures for the mercy petition demanding commutation of the death sentences of 15 persons involved in the Chimur and Ashti cases.

Amery's 'Dope' For War Effort

Indian People Do Not Follow Congress Leaders!

LONDON, Dec. 21:—Mr. Amery stated in the House of Commons today that the authorities in India constantly had under review the cases of persons detained as the result of the Congress disturbances of 1942, and releases were made, so far as compatible with essential considerations of security. He added: "I do not think the present circumstances call for a revision of this policy which has resulted in large and progressive reduction of the number of those detained."

Mr. Amery was replying to questions by Mr. Sorensen (Labour) whether he could now assure the House that renewed consideration would be given to the question of releasing those political prisoners in India who are still detained without charge or trial. Mr. Sorensen declared: "Mr. Amery has said nothing about those arrested who were not charged or tried, and who were arrested before the disturbances took place. Is he aware that the Labour Party Conference last week called for the release of these prisoners."

Mr. Amery: "Yes. I am aware of that."

Mr. Shinwell (Labour): "And if he is aware of the decision of the Labour Party Conference will he take note of the fact that the Labour Party Conference decision expresses the view of a very large number of people in this country and will he give the matter consideration."

Mr. Amery: "I will certainly take note of any decision taken at the important Conference."

Mr. McGovern (Independent Labour Party): "Could someone be placed in charge of these political prisoners, with a view to reviewing their cases periodically as many of them are inclined to be forgotten and left there.

Mr. Amery: I can assure Mr. McGovern that on the contrary, these cases are reviewed by the Governors of provinces very frequently, and in the course of this year, the total number of those detained in the first six months was reduced from 9,400 to 3,000."

Mr. Cove (Labour): "How can Mr. Amery expect friendship of the Indian people and effectiveness of their contribution to the war effort, if he persists in keeping people like Pandit Nehru and others in jail?"

Mr. Amery: "I think the actions of those who have been kept in jail were by no means endorsed by the Indian people."

Mr. Hopkinson (Independent): "In taking into consideration the opinion of the Labour Party, will he also take into consideration the fact that the Labour Party constitutes a small minority in this House."

Sir John Wardlaw Milne (Conservative): "Is it not a fact that a considerable number of these political prisoners can be released immediately, if they will give the necessary guarantee as to their behaviour?"

Mr. Amery: "Yes, that is so."

Mr. Sorensen: "In view of the unsatisfactory nature of the reply, I give notice to raise the question at the earliest opportunity."

DISPUTE BETWEEN VICEROY AND PRINCES

When Mr. Sorensen asked for information about the nature of the dispute between Indian Princes and the Viceroy, Mr. Amery referred him to the reply he gave on December 13 and added, "I am at present unable to add to that answer."

Mr. Sorensen: "Have there been no further developments since that time? Cannot he give more enlightenment on this dispute?"

Mr. Amery: No.

Mr. Harvey (Independent) asked if consideration was being given to reintroduction of Representative Government in any of the provinces in which the administration has been taken over by the Governor.

Mr. Amery: "I can assure Mr. Harvey that the Governor of each of the provinces concerned is constantly on the watch for a situation in which a ministry could be formed with adequate support in the Legislature."

Mr. Harvey: "I take it from that reply that Government would cordially welcome any proposal for forming a ministry."

Mr. Amery: "Yes, certainly, and on at least two occasions where opportunity has offered, the Governors have at once taken advantage of it."

Mr. Sorensen asked if Mr. Amery could state the total consumption of anti-malarial drugs annually before the war and the latest figures for death rates and infantile mortality, if possible distinguishing those due to malaria and cholera. Mr. Amery said he was asking Government of India how far they could supply this information.

Mr. Sorensen: "Meanwhile, could he say whether in fact malaria and cholera have increased or decreased in the last two years." Mr. Amery: "No sir, "I could not say off-hand. There was a temporary increase in Bengal after the famine period and that has been very substantially reduced since. I cannot give figures for the whole of India."—Reuter

ANGLO-ETHIOPIAN AGREEMENT

Text Will Be Published As White Paper

LONDON, Dec. 20

The text of the Anglo-Ethiopian Agreement signed in Addis Ababa yesterday is being brought back to Britain and will be published as a White Paper, probably early in January, says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

Mr. Eden to-day in the House of Commons gave only a summary indication of the scope of the Agreement. In answer to a question he said that certain large areas previously administered by British military authorities revert to the Emperor under the Agreement.

In this connection, it is understood that the Agreement provides, firstly, that British Military Authorities shall withdraw from the Addis Ababa—Djibuti railway belt as soon as the Ethiopian Government has made suitable arrangements for the operation of the Ethiopian section of the railway at present under British Military Management.

Secondly, a considerable area situated to the east of the railway which also has been under British Military Administration shall be returned to Ethiopian administration.

On the other hand it has been agreed that Ogaden and other territories adjoining British and Italian Somaliland shall remain under British Military Administration for the duration of the Agreement, that is until final settlement after the end of the war.—Reuter.

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DASTUR DHALLA'S CALL TO PARSIS

Down With Communal Exclusiveness & Line Up With Freedom's Forces

A clarion call to the Parsis to do away with their age-long policy of aloofness in the political affairs of the country was sounded by Dastur Dr. M. N. Dhalla speaking at the O. J. Hall, under the auspices of the Freedom Group on Wednesday evening. Prof. P. A. Wadia presided.

The subject before Dasturji was "In the political reconstruction of India the communal exclusiveness of the Parsis was no longer tenable."

Dr. Dhalla further called upon the Parsis to live up to the example provided by the United States where different European races had got themselves naturalized and begun to think and live as citizens of a common state.

DOWN WITH PRIESTHOOD

Prof. Wadia in the course of his remarks made a scathing indictment of hereditary priesthood. Whenever a community followed such priesthood, there had been built up a religion that had laid more stress on ceremonials and ritualism than on the essence of life, and the longer the lease of life of such a community, the greater the tenacity with which the priests clung to the ceremonials and greater the temptations to add to them with every generation.

NO SEPARATE ELECTORATES

Concluding, Prof. Wadia advised the Parsis to rely on their own merits rather than on special favours or separate electorates. At a time when the country stood in danger of disruption and disintegration it was the duty of all minorities to draw closer together and preserve their integrity and to proclaim their loyalty to the ancient land and their willingness to share in the sufferings and tribulations which might be the prelude to the dawn of a larger life of freedom and of service.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20.

Merle Oberon has announced that she will file a petition for divorce from Sir Alexander Korda.

EDEN YIELDS GROUND IN FIGHT OVER GREECE

ADMITS GOVT. FAILED TO FORESEE DEPLORABLE CONSEQUENCE OF POLICY

WANTS NATIONAL GOVT. NOT EXCLUDING E A M MEN

LONDON, December 20.

On the decision to enter Greeee Mr. Eden replying to the Commons debate, said, "I don't know what other decision we could have taken. We know there was a risk but I still think the decision was right.

Before we took that decision we consulted the United States and they agreed. Our Soviet Allies also approved the decision. There was no question of our having done this without consulting the Allies or by a movement of our own.

It is true the Government did not foresee that matters would turn out as they have in the fashion we all deeply deplore. It is also true that for reasons of operational security we don't describe our plans and intentions in details to our Greek Allies.

We could not give them a clear answer to their many appeals that we should go to Greece. We did not want to reveal details of our military plan.

"The only criticism that could have been made is that we ought to have taken contingents of other nations with us. As we neared the date for the entry into Greece we told Greek leaders of our plans to some extent and invited their collaboration regarding guerilla bands in Greece.

Two leaders, General Saraphis of ELAS and General Zervas of EDES, were invited to Caserta to meet the Supreme Commander and an agreed formula, known as the Caserta agreement, was drawn up.

The items in this agreement show the immense trouble taken to get an agreement between all the parties in the Greek Government and the guerilla leaders before we went to Greece. The agreement was signed by two Generals in the presence of EAM leaders.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The following decisions were recorded unanimously; Firstly, all guerilla forces were to be under General Scobie's orders; Secondly, guerilla leaders agreed to forgoid any units to attempt to take the law into their own hands; Thirdly, all guerillas were to abandon past rivalries, and form a National Union for co-ordinated activities.

There was thus complete agreement between the guerillas and the Greek Government of all parties.

"Before actual entry into Greece no issue divided the Greek Ministers. We went to Greece with neither strategic nor economic advantages in view and without any ulterior motive.

I don't know why some members always eagerly suggest we have some sinister purpose (cheers).

CERTAINLY WE HAVE INTERESTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, but this action was taken solely to take supplies to Greece because we knew the position there. Had Greece been self-supporting it is quite likely we should not have gone there.

Certainly we should not have gone in for the present vast organisation in Greece. Without that food the Greeks could not escape starvation. Without that aid there would have been mass starvation all over Greece and we should have been asked why we did not do something to help our Allies. Those are the reasons why we went into Greece."

In the week ending November 24 alone, the British landed over 20,000 tons of food in Piraeus alone and nearly 20,000 tons at other places. In the same week, vast quantities of clothing and footwear were also landed.

ARMISTICE TERMS

Turning to armistice terms Mr. Eden said General Ronald Scobie has asked that ELAS supporters in Athens and Piraues must cease resistance and hand in their arms. He has not asked ELAS supporters outside that area to hand in their arms.

That is the minimum because if men in civilian clothes remained armed the same thing will happen again. We have not asked that guerillas outside Athens should be dissolved except by subsequent agreement after the cessation of hostilities.

"Security Battalions and right wing organisations in Athens will not be left in possession of their arms. General Scobie some little time ago refused the assistance offered by one right wing organisation. He disarmed them. We want all to lay down their arms. We are not trying to impose a right wing or left wing Government.

All we wish is the ship should be on an even keel.

Against Reprisals

We are against reprisals and shall do everything we can to stop them," Mr. Eden said Mr. Aneurin Bevan had misquoted the Reuter message giving the impression that Athens was to be subjected to indiscriminate bombardment starting tomorrow.

"These ELAS guns have for some time been firing at the centre of Athens and General Scobie now says he is going to attack them and warns civilians to get out of the way.

"I am convinced our men have used every possible means to avoid unnecessary loss of life, probably at considerable cost to themselves. IT IS NOT TRUE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO IMPOSE A KING ON THE GREEKS. King George of Greece has remained here on the advice of Mr. Churchill and myself.

Very likely he would have taken that decision on his own account. We are not against Regency. The first suggestion for Regency was made by our Ambassador in Athens. Greek leaders have a right to express their own opinions to the King who will take his decision on their advice". Answering the interruption, Mr. Eden said it would not be reasonable to advise the King against sending messages to Greece.

Amid a number of interruptions Mr. Eden said the King of Greece was behaving with constitutional propriety. "We want to stop this conflict as speedily as possible by whatever means. Otherwise apart from the tragic loss of life we cannot get supplies in.

In the Athens area alone between one-and-half and two million people are faced with a serious threat of starvation. Elsewhere most of the Greeks are in great need. Supplies cannot reach them because of disturbed conditions.

We shall use all the means at our disposal to stop this conflict and ensure that there is no lasting vendetta.

Our aim is to maintain law and order and to establish a Greek Government broadly representative of all opinions, including EAM, and enable that Government to establish its authority in all Greece.

That Government's first task will be to get relief supplies, and the second will be to organise free and fair elections. If our help is needed it will be available and if our Allies will help too, they will be welcome.

We wish to bring our troops away as soon as possible. I hope this unhappy chapter in Anglo-Greek relations will soon be closed and that there will again be a friendship in which we can all take pride."—Reuter.

All India Badminton

SPECTACULAR GAME BY RANGNEKAR

Prakash Nath Springs A Surprise

It was only the Men's Doubles final that gave brilliant badminton ever witnessed in this Tournament. To Rangnekar go all the honours for winning the match with his deadly smashes that almost bent the backbone of his opponents, finally to succumb. The mistakes made by him in the initial stages are easily shaded by the spectacular display he gave in the decider to defeat the Delhi pair—the Inter-Provincial Champions by three points.

Charanjit and Jaini were well in form. His puzzling services did ruffle the opponent. However Rangnekar and Mugwe continued to attack them like a pair of fierce tigers. The Delhi pair faced it exceptionally well. With redoubled fury they fought the second set, snatched from the clutches to decide result in the decider.

RANGNEKAR LIMPS

Hardly the 3rd game had progressed half way when the unexpected happened. A sort of gloom covered the arena. What had happened? Rangnekar got his leg twisted while attempting to return a cross court smash. Lapse of ten minutes saw Rangnekar again in the court—still laughing and smiling as ever—but limping. And with that lame leg, he staged the most spectacular display. He manned the whole affair. He fought single handed. He not only could level with the opponents but establish a lead. Yet the Delhi pair put up a grand fight and fought neck to neck. Rangnekar was in full form. And like a wild wind that sweeps everything before it he swept three points clean out of the hands of the opponents and emerged triumphant. Mugwe without doubt was playing superbly, it need be said.

FINAL OF MIXED DOUBLES

Another event that created a sensation was the final of the mixed doubles.

Apparently it was expected that Mrs. Malhotra and Mugwe would win the title. For Prakash Nath was not very impressive through all this tournament to expect him to dish out so sparkling a game. To send down Mugwe and Mrs. Malhotra in two straight sets was a surprise.

The mateh was well contested. Mugwe put in all his efforts. But Prakash proved much superior. Surely it need be said that Prakash displayed a wonderful game. Miss Sunder his partner too did quite well.

SCORE

WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL

Miss Tara Deodhar beat Miss Sunder Deodhar. 11—4, 11—5.

MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

K. M. Rangnekar and D. G. Mugwe beat D. Charanjit and S. L. Jaini 15—7, 6—15, 15—12.

PROF. SINGLES FINAL

Popatlal Mohanlal beat L. G. Salwe 15—8, 15—6.

MIXED DOUBLES FINAL

Miss Sunder Deodhar and Prakash Nath beat Mrs. Malhotra and D. G. Mugwe 15—13, 15—11.

FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

The Fellowship School Annual Sports will be held on 23rd Dec. '44 at 4 p. m. on the Gowalia Tank Maidan. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. V. Divatia has kindly consented to preside.

CHINA SEES "EYE TO EYE WITH AMERICA"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.

Acting Premier of China Doctor T. V. Soong today ridiculed reports that the Americans at one time had threatened to withdraw their establishments from China including the 14th air force. Asked whether the United States had ever demanded an American Commander for the Chinese armies, he evaded a direct reply saying that on all such questions "we see eye to eye."

Doctor Soong also scoffed at reports that Japanese withdrew from Kweichow for political reasons and said there had been no Japanese peace feelers.

He had no information as to Madame Chiang Kai Shek's future plans but was sure that when she recovered she would return to China.—Reuter.

Death Sentence For Triple Murder Set Aside

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Macklin and Mr. Justice Sen)

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Ganga Mayamji Pokle .... Accused.

Their Lordships set aside the sentence of death passed against the accused, an agriculturist, for a triple murder.

Near his hut the dead bodies of one Venu, a widow with whom he was on terms of intimacy, her 60-year-old mother and her 5-year-old daughter were found. In a confession which he subsequently made, the accused stated that he, with the abetment of Venu, murdered her old mother because she objected to Venu's intimacy with the accused. But Venu then became nervous and said she would have to disclose the murder upon which the accused murdered her and her daughter too. This confession upon which the prosecution case entirely rested, the accused retracted later on.

The High Court found that the confession entirely unreliable and therefore set aside the sentence of death and acquitted the accused.

Mr. P. K. Padhye appeared for the accused.

The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

CONGRESSMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

BANGALORE, Dec. 20. Mr. M. A. Gopalswamy Iyengar (Congress) was elected President of the Bangalore City Municipal Council defeating Mr. L. S. Raju (Independent) by 15 votes to 12 at a meeting of the Council this morning.—A. P. I.

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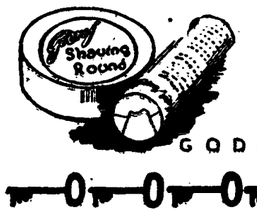

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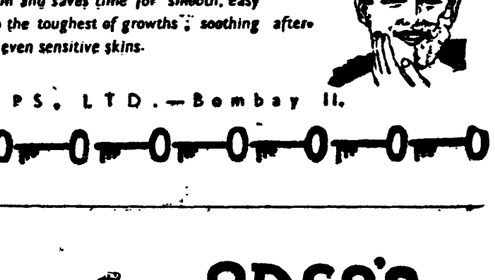

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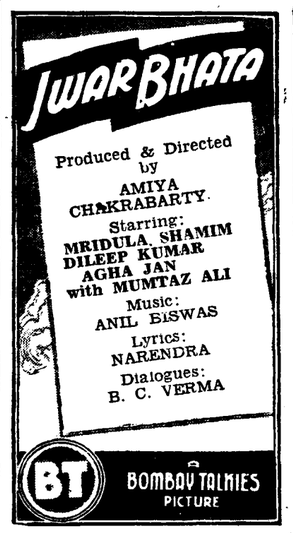

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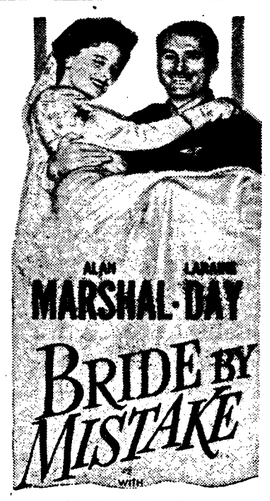

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ENQUIRY INTO EFFECTS OF INFLATION

Plea To Help School Of Economics Attempt

The School of Economics and Sociology of the University of Bombay is conducting an enquiry into the effects of inflation and price control on lower middle class families in Bombay City. Post-graduate students of the School who have been trained for the purpose will approach middle class families of all communities in different parts of the City for information on the subject to be collected on the basis of a questionnaire. The data will be tabulated as soon as possible and the results published. It is hoped to establish some definite conclusions regarding the position of lower middle class families under present conditions so that adequate remedies can be devised to meet their difficulties, if any. It is hoped that the investgators will be given all co-operation by the public in this work. It may be added that the information given by any family will be treated as confidential and that only the summarised results will be published. There need be no hesitation on the part of those concerned in giving the correct data.

As it is not possible for the investigators to approach all parties anxious to help, those persons who are willing to give the data, may also write to the Secretary, School of Economics and Sociology, University of Bombay, giving their names and addresses. Investigators will be asked to call on them as soon as possible.

Francis Yeats-Brown Dead

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Death is announced of Major Francis Yeats-Brown, D F C, aged 58.

He saw service in army in India before the last war during which he served in France with the Fifth Lancers and also in Mesopotamia with the Royal Flying Corps.

He was twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the distinguished Flying Cross. His life story "A Bengal Lancer" which brought him fame appeared in 1930.

During the present war he toured camps in India and battlefields in Burma to write a book about the deeds of Indian troops and their British, American and other comrades.—Reuter.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Posh Shud 7, 2001
Muslim: Moharrum 5, 1364
Parsi: Tir 20, 1314
Sunrise: 8-8 a m, Sunset 7-7 p m
Highride: 5-38, 18-08
Lowtide 12-10, 23-48

Domestic Occurrence

CHOKSI—Nathabhai Narotamdas, Advocate, High Court, (Father of Manhar, Kusum, Khushman and Asnok), died after a long illness, at his residence, Chandrabag, C. P. Tank, Opp. Mahavbag.

Uthamana ceremony to-day at 6 p. m. (S. T.)

To-day's Engagements

"RAHBAR": Begum Sultan Fyzee on "Nur-Jahan" 5-30 p m and Prof. Naqui on "Science in Everyday life" 6-15 p m at Municipal Marathi Central School, near Napoo Baug, Opp. Derby Talkies.

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES: Parliamentary Debate on "This House is of opinion that the Congress has always been and should be a united organisation of all political groups standing for the freedom of India"; Speaker: Mr. S. A. Brelvi; Mover: Mr. K. T. Chandy, Opposer: Mr. Dinkar Sakrikar 6 p m at Nagapada Neighbourhood House Hall, Byculla.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay opened the Rotary Club Services Canteen at Victoria Terminus on Thursday.

STUDENTS LITERARY & SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY'S GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL: Annual sports on Grant Medical College Gymkhana ground between 8 am and 11-30 am Mr. G R Paranjpe, Principal, Royal Institute of Science, will preside on the occasion and Mrs. Paranjpe will distribute the prizes.

SHRADDHANAND BALIDAN DAY: The Suburban Hindus of Vile Parle, Santa Cruz and Khar will celebrate the Shraddhanand Balidan Day under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Aryasamaj in Laxminagar Pavilion, 10th Road, Khar, from today Friday to Sunday, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th instant between 8 p m to 11 p m. Dr K. B. Patel will deliver interesting lectures with magic lantern. Other well-known speakers will participate.

ALL-INDIA RADIO MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION" The third annual general meeting of the All-India Radio Merchants' Association, Bombay at 3-30 p m (I S T) at Laxmibaug, New Phatwadi, Bombay 4.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Study Class on the subject of "Law of Cycles" 6-15 p m.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN STUDENTS' UNION: Shri Marjivandas Kalidas Mehta, well-known Theosophist will speak on "The Student of to-day is the citizen of to-morrow" 5 p m at Podar High School, Santa Cruz.

POSTAL HOLIDAY: Wednesday the 27th instant is a Post Office holiday on account of Muharram (Second).

MONDAY: The 25th instant and Monday 1st January, 1945 are Post Office and Telegraph holidays on account of Christmas and New Year's day.

KANARESE DRAMA: Mr. M. Narayan Rao's 'Kalachakra'—a Kanarese Social drama will be staged today (Friday) at 8-45 p m at Bhangwadi Theatre, Kalbadevi in aid of The Billawar Association, Bombay.

X'MAS EXHIBITION-SALE: of Home Arts and Crafts. Opening Ceremony this evening at 6 p m by Mayor of Bombay. Entrance to the Exhibition is free and is open to the general public till 2-1-1945.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 4, tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a m (B T) at the junction of Chinch Bunder Road and Sandhurst Road, (Near Petrol Station) and go round with them in the ward.

Madan Commends Rochdale Pioneers' Movement

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Centenary of the Rochdale Pioneers was held this evening at Talmakiwadi, Tardeo, Sir Janardan Madan presiding.

Speaking on the occasion, Sir Janardan referred to the history of the Society and the good work they had done to improve the economic condition of the labouring and agricultural classes in England.

The consumers movement, as it was called, was till recently, not properly organised in this country. But the pressure of circumstances due to war had given it a good start and he was sure that it would be highly beneficial to continue it after the war.

A resolution was passed extending greetings to the Rochdale Pioneers' Society and co-operators in other parts of the world.

Usha Mehta In Hospital

Miss Usha Mehta who has been sentenced to four years' R. I. in connection with the Congress Radio Case and who has been undergoing her sentence at Yeravda Women's jail, has been recently brought to the Arthur Road, Prison: She is admitted in the J. J. Hospital for treatment.

Ex-Khedive Of Egypt Dead

BERNE, Dec. 21.

The ex-Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi the Second, died in Geneva as the result of heart failure at the age of 71. The body will be embalmed and preserved in a mortuary chamber until the end of the war.

At the outbreak of the last war he was deposed by the British Government for "anti-British activities, which he denied and was succeeded by the late Faud, father of King Farouk, the present monarch. In 1931 he publicly renounced his claim to the Egyptian throne.—Reuter.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, Dec. 22.
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244 m. (1.231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Saraswati Rane. 8-40 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 C. P. Sathe: Violin. 9-30 Bhajans. 9-45 Indirabai Khadilkar. 12-30 p.m. Songs (M). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Musical Mixture. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Lunch Music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5-0 Indirabai Khadilkar. 5-15 C. P. Sathe: Violin. 5-35 Govindrao Mashalkar. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 The Happy Companion. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (G). 6-50 Dilipkumar Dholakia. 7-0 Uddhottar Rachana (M). 7-15 Indirabai Khadilkar. 7-30 C. P. Sathe: Violin. 7-45 Music From the Film. 8-0 Hori Dhamar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Topical Talk. 9-0 News (E). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 World Affairs. 10-0 Gujarati Songs (G). 10-15 Gottuvadyam. 10-20 Saraswati Rane.

CHRISTMAS FARE IN ENGLISH FILMS

BY T. V. P.

In "I Love a Soldier" showing at Eros as X'mas Attraction, Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts fill the principal roles well supported by Barry Fitzgerald.

The story deals with an Army hero, from the South Pacific, Tufts, who meets shipyard worker Paulette, with both falling in love with each other at first sight. There are certain dramatic sequences as well as a good dose of comedy. In certain places the dialogues turn out to be very inspiring.

"COBRA WOMAN" AT REGAL

A mythical South Seas paradise provides an exotic background for Universal's "Cobra Woman", latest technicolor production to star the popular trio, Maria Montez, Jon Hall and Sabu. The exciting new screen adventure comes to Regal. Featured in a distinguished supporting cast are Edgar Barrier, Lois Collier and Mary Nash, Moroni Olsen, Samuel S. Hinds and Lon Chaney have leading roles.

'KISMET' AT METRO

Hafiz (Ronald Colman) magician-beggar of Bagdad of a thousand years ago, has a beautiful daughter Marsinah (Joy Ann Page), whose veil has never been lifted by any other man—he thinks. He is saving her to wed "a Prince, no less" a promise he isn't sure he can keep. The girl is guarded by an old woman, Karsha (Florence Bates) while Hanz and his stooges, Feisal (Hugh Herbert) and Moolah (Hobart Cavanaugh) are busy begging. But not too well, for over a wall Marsinah has seen a handsome young man, and has crawled over to talk with him. She believes him the gardener's son, but he is the Caliph (James Craig)—a prince, no less. He swears to make her his bride. Karsha scolds Marsinah for even looking at the gardener's son. "Kismet" Fate is at work and that is the film at Metro for X'mas.

"BRIDE BY MISTAKE"

Sparkling comedy and brilliant performances highlight R.K.O. Radio's rollicking comedy 'Bride By Mistake' at Excelsior. Miss Day who scored in "Mr. Lucky", plays a very wealthy girl Norah Hunter of Hunter Shipyard fame, who to protect herself from fortune hunters and publicity, has her best friend and secretary, Sylvia, played by Marsha Hunt impersonate her at all public appearances.

"SHINE ON HARVEST MOON"

"Shine on Harvest Moon" is continued at New Empire for the Christmas week.

Brimming over with the high spirits of youth, with music, dancing and laughter, "Song of Open Road", is the X'mas attraction at Strand.

Bing Crosby and Rise Stevens in "Going My Way" will be shown at Aurora.

"Broadway Rhythm", at Palace, is a gay and tuneful musical, full of entertainment to please everyone

GRETA GARBO'S ESTATE DESTROYED

STOCKHOLM: A large forest estate belonging to Greta Garbo, the famous Hollywood film star in the Swedish countryside near Gnesta has been destroyed by fire, the country home where she and Leopold Stokowski the conductor spent the summer holiday before the war was struck by lightning and completely destroyed.—India Press Service.

Munshi's Tribute To Dayanand Swami

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Presiding over the Anti-Untouchability Conference held on the occasion of 69th anniversary of the Bombay Arya Samaj to-day Mr. K. M. Munshi said that the untouchability was a greatest stigma on Hinduism. So long this stigma remains they could not make any social and political progress. He appealed to the caste Hindus to do away with untouchability and said that the sooner it was done, their freedom would be the nearer.

Paying his tribute to Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Mr. Munshi said that after 1857 it was he who undertook the work for the removal of untouchability.

Syed Wants Inquiry Into Sind Bye-election Affair

KARACHI, Dec. 21.

Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League is understood to have acquainted the Central Parliamentary Board of the developments in the bye-election to the Sind Assembly from the Shikarpur Constituency and requested them to appoint a tribunal to conduct an enquiry into the matter.—A. P.

CORPORATION AND IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—It is considered necessary that the relief obtained by the Corporation at present from the reduction of the municipal contribution to the improvement schemes account should be made available to the Corporation for a further period of three years, from April 1, 1945, on which date the relief afforded by Bombay Act XVI of 1942 expires. The draft of a Bill for this purpose is published in the 'Bombay Government Gazette.' Objections or suggestions in respect of the Bill should be submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, by January 12, 1945.

PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIETY OF ARTS

The Society of Arts of the Philosophical Association of the Royal Institute of Science was inaugurated on Wednesday evening by Mrs. Malini Paranjape who presided over the function in presence of a large gathering.

Dr. N. R. Tawade, the Chairman of the Society after welcoming the President explained that the Society of Arts would supplement the activities of the Philosophical Association especially in the cultural field. He stressed the importance of the Arts' Society for a science institute like the Royal Institute of Science showing that the harmonious blending of arts and sciences is bound to produce a measurable effect upon the character and quality and artistic forms.

The Indian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences are holding a joint session at Poona during the Christmas week to be inaugurated by Dr. M. R. Jayakar.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 21.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours L M T on Dec. 10, 1944:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Success often comes to those who dare and act; it seldom goes to the timid who are ever afraid of the consequences.

—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

CLIMB-DOWN?

To an extent at least the special debate in the Commons on the Greek situation marked a victory for public opinion. Mr. Churchill discreetly kept quiet and Mr Anthony Eden spoke in a tone which suggested that the criticisms of Mr. Churchill's intemperate language had gone home. This ought to be a helpful salutary lesson to the British Premier who has been displaying increasing signs of losing the sense of his real position. But Mr. Eden's speech did more. It gave evidence of a somewhat chastened spirit. It was a comparative climb-down. For, Mr. Eden was at pains to assure members that the British were inspired by the desire to act quite impartially, that all the disarming they wanted immediately was in the Athens area and that it was the British Ambassador—but when?—who had first suggested Regency as an immediate solution. All this constitutes a modification of the attitude so definitely taken up by Mr. Winston Churchill.

It remains, of course, to be seen whether it will lead to a settlement. Success depends upon a number of immediate factors; for instance, how General Scobie's all-out assault on the guerillas in Athens works in practice and whether the Greek King and his supporters accept the Regency solution. Let us hope the crisis ends satisfactorily. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that, in the process of eagarly protesting Britain's righteous and exclusively altruistic intentions, Mr. Eden led himself into this statement: "We went to Greece with neither strategic nor economic advantages in view and without any ulterior motive." This contradicts Mr Ernst Bevan's statement at the Labour Party Conference. Mr. Eden remembered it and tried to explain that the British entered Greece "solely to take supplies to Greece." It is an assertion that fails to be convincing. Mr. Bevan mentioned British interests in the Mediterranean in actual defence of the British action. And what about the division of "spheres"?

Mrs. Pandit In U. S. A.

Though, as she says, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit has not proceeded to the United States of America to do any cheap propaganda either on behalf or in favour of the Indian National Congress, it is but natural that she should tell the truth to the American public when questioned regarding the state of affairs in this country by representatives of the press. By reason of her attainments and record of service to her country, she occupies a position in the esteem of her countrymen enjoyed only by a few among her kind. She has done well, effectively, to prick the bubble which dishonest anti-Congress propaganda in the States has sedulously set afloat there that the Congress was a pro-Fascist organisation, that its leaders had been desiring Japanese victory and that this was the main reason why the latter were jailed and the activities of the Congress were sternly suppressed. As she told Americans, Congress leaders have always been anti-Fascist. In fact, they were anti-Fascist long before the Baldwins, Chamberlains, Churchills, Edens and Amerys of Great Britain turned anti-Fascist. In his very first letter to the Viceroy after his internment Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Congress, had pointedly brought this fact to the notice of the latter. He had written as follows: "It must be known to you that ever since the early beginning of the Fascist Japanese and Nazi aggression in Italy, Asia and Europe, the Congress has consistently condemned them. No organisation in India or elsewhere has been so clear and emphatic on this subject. The Congress was anti-Fascist and anti-Nazi when the British Government under Mr. Chamberlain's leadership was openly friendly to these regimes." The Maulana's retort was so full of truth, albeit bitterly unpleasant, that Lord Linlithgow's Government dared not give it publicity lest its plan to damn the Congress with a bad name before hanging it go to pieces. The public, not only in India, but also in Great Britain and America, were deliberately kept in ignorance of the Congress side of the case and judgment was allowed to go against it by default thus stage-managed. Thanks to the labours of a few Indians and some fearless champions of truth and democracy like Wendell Willkie, Louis Fischer, and William Philipps, an increasing section of the American press and public have been able to see through the sinister anti-Congress and anti-Indian propaganda carried on by the enemies of Indian freedom. The presence in their midst of a distinguished woman Congress leader like Mrs. Pandit, who was a victim of the official repressive policy, will go a considerable way still further to disabuse the American public mind of the wrong notions which it had entertained about the Congress and its leaders.

Insult To India

The British Government and Lord Wavell have given a fresh proof that the Government of India is a National Government by selecting an Englishman as successor to Sir Jeremy Raisman! Lord Wavell boasted the other day that India had already a National Government and he gave high praise to the Indian members of his Executive Council and yet not one of them has been considered fit enough to hold the Finance portfolio! The fact is that the key portfolios in the Government of India—Finance Home and War Transport, apart from Defence—are to be monopolised by Britishers because the British Government has no desire to part with effective power to Indians The appointment of Sir Archibald Rowlands is an insult to India and a reminder to her that so long as Messrs. Churchill and Amery continue in office, she will continue to be insulted and humiliated and can only wrest power from their unwilling hands by closing up her ranks.

Frankly Speaking

Hitler's "Promise"

German prisoners are reported to have said that Herr Adolf Hitler has promised them Aachen and Paris as Christmas and New Year presents respectively. A good many other promises had also been made during the last two years on practically every front where the Nazis faced a serious situation. But this particular one is interesting because it recalls the events of 1940. Then the Germans succeeded because they were, relative to the French and British, extremely strong as a mechanised force, they had overwhelming tank strength and they were masters of the skies. Today the situation is the reverse, the exact reverse, of what it was in May 1940.

Eden And China

Mr. Eden had to answer some questions in Parliament on the Chinese situation and was gracious enough to say a few nice words about China and her long fight against Japan. It is good to be assured of British "solidarity" with China. It is good, too, to find Mr. Anthony Eden acknowledging China's "notable contribution" in the shape of the capture of Bhamo. But it is a slight exaggeration to suggest that SEAC operations could, in their extent and effectiveness, be bracketed with those of General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz. Admiral Mountbatten will have to do a great deal more before it can be claimed that British pressure on Japan is comparable to American.

Flouting The Constitution

The Governor of the North-West Frontier Province is clearly guilty of flouting the spirit, if not also the letter, of the Constitution, in not acceding to the request of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of the province to hold a session of the Assembly to enable the motion of "no-confidence" against the Ministry being moved, when that motion has been supported by a requisite number of members. The correspondence, which has passed between Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna, Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party, and the Governor, leaves no doubt whatever in the public mind that the motion of no-confidence would be carried and that the Ministry would have to be turned out of office by the Governor, if the latter did not mean to defy the House. But, obviously the Governor does not relish the idea and on the flimsy excuse of there being only three months more left for the budget session to be held he has declined to convene a session of the Assembly at present. This is reducing the constitution to a mockery. He is prolonging unconstitutionally the tenure of a ministry in office which clearly does not enjoy the confidence of the House.

A Joint Demand

Some of the Muslim League leaders, notably those in the Punjab, have been calling for a united front of the Congress and the League for putting forward a joint demand for the release of Congress detenus, declaring at the same time that the League's advocacy for India's independence is no less strong than that of any other party in the country. This is satisfactory so far as it goes, but it may be legitimately asked by Congressmen, whether the "united front" is to be confined to the Punjab only or whether it is to be country-wide. In the Punjab, the release of the Congress detenus, particularly that of the M.L.A.s among them, would no doubt materially strengthen the hands of the League Party, which, having been ousted from office, is no doubt very eager to return to power. But what of the Congress detenus in other provinces where Ministries, which the League claims to control, are functioning? Will the Leaguers join hands with Congressmen to secure the release of Congress detenus in the N.W.F., Sind and Bengal provinces? The question is pertinent and should be answered squarely by the League leaders. It may be asked also whether the League as a body has any definite policy in regard to political detenus, whether of the Congress persuasion or of other kind. If it has, it should be made public.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The true test of friendship is not in words but actions.

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Talking about life in dumb things, most of us have seen a watch spring.

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A man may be able to write a dozen volumes and still be unable to fill one pocketbook.

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Some men have such a hatred for greed that it worries them more than if others make more money than they do.

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It's a pity that the average woman hasn't half as much patience with her husband as she has with her baby.

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The truck manufacturer who marries an actress probably is taking Emerson's advice about hitching his wagon to a star.

Bombay Slums

There should be no hesitation whatsoever on the part of all Indians in general and Bengalis in particular to thank wholeheartedly Mr. Casey, the Governor of Bengal, for the most commendable and prompt action taken by him within such a short period of being in office in introducing the Ordinance under the D. I. Rules as a first important step towards doing away with slums in Calcutta and also for promising reform within six months.

The writer in his professional capacity as a practising architect has personally come across many slum areas in this premier city of India. It is indeed a pity that our city which is famous throughout and can boast of giving lead in reforms in many other matters and which can claim the unique distinction of being the proud possessor of the best buildings in India has neglected this most vital question and lagged behind in this respect.

To a tourist going round the well known familiar localities of Bombay no idea could even be had about the vast difference between such places and those existing in the heart of the city for no comparison can be made on account of the most glaring contrast that is prevalent as no line could be drawn between.

I earnestly appeal to the Bombay Municipality and Government to see that immediate legislation is enforced to ensure that no more slums are created and the existing ones are removed as soon as possible. In this connection it would be quite appropriate to have guidance and advice from the Indian Institute of Architects which is affiliated to the Royal Institute of British Architects and I am certain that this body will put its heart and soul into his problem and will most willingly render full assistance to once and for all eradicate this longstanding evil at the earliest.

Before concluding I must say that architects must be incorporated in the corporation as they alone are real city fathers and under their paternal care the city is bound to be better and befitting of its being respected as "Urbs Prima in India".

J. B. AGA.

President,

DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMERS' GOODS

All India Instructions Issued

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

To enable provincial Governments and Indian States to watch the distribution and disposal of certain classes of consumer goods, it has been decided that the following instructions will apply in the case of the delivery or despatch of the articles included in the schedule to the consumer goods (Control of Distribution) order, 1944, says a Press Note.

Except in execution of a retail order, whenever an importer, producer or dealer delivers or despatches any scheduled article he must forward forthwith the following information to the Provincial Government or Indian State in which the goods are to be delivered, namely, date of delivery or despatch, quantity, and the name and address of the party to whom delivered or consigned.

Similar information must also be sent to (1) the Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies, Lahore, when the recipient of the goods is in the North-West Frontier Province, Punjab, Delhi, U.P., or in the States in that area; (2) to the Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies (distribution), Calcutta, when the recipient of the goods is in Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Assam, or in the States in that area; (3) to the Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies, Madras, when the recipient of the goods is in Madras Province or in the States in that area; (4) to the Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies, Bombay, when the recipient of the goods is in Bombay, C. P., Berar, or in the States in that area including Hyderabad; (5) and to the Assistant Controller-General of Civil Supplies, Karachi, when the recipient of the goods is in Sind, Baluchistan or in the States in that area.—A. P.

ROLE OF SOVIET COLLECTIVES IN BEATING OFF NAZIS

Guerillas Too Played Havoc Behind German Rear Accounting For 9 Million, Says Jerome Davis

Nine times in Russia during the varied history of that nation since the pre-revolution days, Dr. Jerome Davis of the "Colliers Weekly" of America who left Bombay yesterday, says that the Soviet has one of the greatest achievements in human history to its credit, namely, rendering the country mostly literate in the brief period of a quarter of a century.

That is one of the achievements, he explained, in the course of an exclusive interview to the "Chronicle", "which helped Russia to achieve great results in every field of human activity and on the battle-fields of Stalingrad and Leningrad."

Russia's experiments in agricultural sphere are equally unique.

"I find there is considerable misconception about Russia", he observed "because people look upon Russia either as a perfect example of everything which is desirable or as a perfect example of everything which is bad. The best way to understand Russia is to realise that it is like one of our own countries—a mixture of bad and good a country with several negative and positive aspects."

A visitor to the Soviet today who keeps an open mind cannot help being deeply impressed with the phenomenal recovery of the nations after the German onslaught to the gates of Moscow.

The nation has paid to the extent of 15 to 20 million dead or killed or deported to Germany as slaves.

But their place on the collective farms and the factories and offices has been taken by women and children who work twelve hours a day, sometimes seven days in the week, to be able to keep the army at the front fed and equipped. The collective farm has been the backbone of the nation. Russian victories at the front would have been impossible without the great agricultural turnover of the farms because the Nazi advance had led to occupation of large productive areas.

HOW COLLECTIVES WORK

Dr. Davis gave an interesting picture of the collective farm of wartime and of the Russian village. There is no hard and fast rule as to the extent of a farm. It can fill a small village in some cases. There are big villages with a couple of farms. There is healthy rivalry among the neighbours in the matter of output. The village which shows the best results in the matter of agricultural output is awarded a Red Banner.

The norm of the worker on the collective farm is a labour day—in other words, the output of each individual is counted in terms of a labour day. For example, if a worker were to plough a hector of land, he may be credited with three labour days. A boy may turn out as much as an adult in terms of labour days. Names of the best workers in the village are inscribed on a board for public view.

Work on the farm is planned to the last detail. The contingent of workers is divided into brigades and links. A brigade may be composed of 30 people with a brigadier at the head. The smaller unit of workers, the link, has a foreman who keeps a record of work turned out by each individual. Presiding over the collective farm is the Chairman, whose post is elective. Each worker has to show a minimum of labour days per year to entitle him to a place on the farm. A farmer gets paid according to the number of labour days to his credit.

WAR-TIME MOSCOW

Talking of war-time Moscow, Dr. Davis said the Nazi hordes were checked in time and the capital escaped the tribulations of an overrun city. Moscow had practically no bombing to encounter. Today it is a very congested city like any other capital in wartime. The Universities are working with a full complement.

JAP v. RUSSIAN

The Russian soldier is not an automaton who merely takes orders from his superior. He can think for himself. He is, therefore, different from the Japanese soldier. There are instances of an ordinary soldier stepping into the breach following the capture or death of a commander. It is this capacity to think which has helped Russian strategy to outdo the Nazis.

One of the greatest war-time achievements of Russia has been the guerilla movement which has accounted for a million Germans killed, munition trains wrecked and Nazi advance counter-acted from the rear.

"I do not think", said Dr. Davies, "that Russia could have shown spectacular results without the guerilla movement.

NEGATIVE ASPECT

Russia has its negative aspects too A nation with only one political party looks odd in the eyes of a visitor belonging to a country with various parties. "There is bureaucracy in Russia but it is not an evil only confined to Russia" observed Dr. Davis.

Newspapers in wartime have shrunk to four pages or sometimes to six. There is a kind of uniformity about the general political policy of papers in Russia because they are mostly controlled by the Communist Party barring the religious papers. The papers are excellently edited. News bits particularly about the Gandhi-Jinnah talks appeared in the press. In spite of a uniform pattern in the matter of policy, the Russian newspapers are given to self-criticism. Small townships with a population of 5,000 have newspapers of their own.

DR. SEN ON POTENTIALITIES OF AYURVEDIC STUDY

All-India Pharmaceutists In Conference Deplore Govt.'s Apathy

Speeches emphasizing the need of Government support for the growth of the pharmaceutical industry in India were made at the fifth session of the All-India Pharmaceutical Conference which came off at the Convocation Hall on Thursday afternoon.

The Conference has before it a three-day programme which also includes two symposiums and visits to glass and pharmaceutical factories of the city.

Mr. B. J. Wadia, the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, inaugurated the Conference and also declared open an exhibition of pharmaceutical products of the leading pharmaceutical concerns of the country. The exhibition contained a special stall displaying some of the principal medical plants.

In the unavoidable absence of Dr. H. K. Sen, Director of Industries, Government of Bihar, his speech was read by Dr. Nanji of the Government Institute of Chemical Technology, Matunga. About hundred representatives from all over India attended the Conference.

Declaring the Conference open, Mr. Wadia referred to the sorry spectacle offered by the training of the pharmacists in India. He recalled how the Government of India had appointed a committee after strong representations were made to it. The Committee had recommended that a College of Pharmacy was necessary. Mr. Wadia regretted that the establishment of the college had not yet materialised in spite of committee's recommendation. This state of affairs was a reflection on the inertia of the Government as well as the medical profession.

Proceeding, Mr. Wadia said that in the midst of the world war in which the destructive and utilitarian aspects of science were in the forefront, it was perhaps the appropriate time to talk about benefits of scientific research. The growth of scientific discovery appeared to have out-distanced the wit of man to employ it usefully.

Mr. N. C. Mehta, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, in his welcome address, said that in a country like India, so poor and suffering from so many ills, it was vital that the state should assume a most active role in encouraging the expansion of the pharmaceutical industry, controlling it in respect of quality of its products and making available the output at the cheapest possible price.

DEVELOP AYURVEDA

Dr. H. K. Sen, in his presidential address, said that in India the Ayurvedic system of medicine had brought within its scope the use of numerous drugs derived from vegetables. These were being used in their crude forms at present, therefore, researches in the direction of obtaining their active principles were of vital interest to the country. For this purpose, a far more comprehensive and elaborate training was necessary in order to develop this science fully.

Dr. Sen regretted that chemistry, which was so vital for the study of pharmaceuticals, was not taught properly in this country. Organic chemistry, which was the basis of investigations connected wit plants ought to form the main feature of instruction. The duty of the state towards the furthering of the study of pharmaceuticals was a very vital one.

The Conference will continue on Friday.

Capitalists Must Help Pharmaceutical Research

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association at the Convocation Hall on Thursday morning Dr. Jivraj Mehta appealed to the pharmaceutical manufacturers of the country to apportion a part of their profits to research work in pharmaceutical products.

Dr. Mehta further stressed the need of preserving the purity of drugs and called upon the Government to bring into force the Drug Act and thus prevent the large-scale adulteration of drugs prevailing at present in the pharmaceutical trade.

FOURTEENTH ARMY MEN CAPTURE WUNTHO AND NANKAN

Main Points On Myitkyina-Rangoon Line

KANDY, Dec. 21: "Fourteenth Army Front: Troops of the Fourth Corps have occupied Wuntho and Nankan (15 miles north-east of Wuntho) on the Myitkyina-Mandalay-Rangoon Railway" says today's S.E.A.C. 'communique.'

"Northern Combat Area Command: Troops of the Thirtieth Chinese Division yesterday captured three villages near the Bhamo-Namhkam Road, killing 200 Japanese and taking equipment and ammunition.

"Fifteenth Indian Corps Front: In the coastal strip, our troops have now advanced half the distance from Maungdaw to Foul Point."

The capture of two more important points in North Burma—Wuntho and Nankan—means that 14th Army troops across the Chindwin have reached the main railway for the first time since this section of the line was attacked and destroyed by men of the Special Force (the Chindits) earlier this year.

Allied troops now hold 182 miles of the railway, more than one-quarter of its total length from Myitkyina to Rangoon.

Wuntho, lying 41 miles by road south-east of Pinlebu, was important not as a defended locality but as a large Japanese rail base. It has served as a railhead for troops and stores which were sent by road to Pinlebu and beyond on one of the main enemy lines of communication for offensive action across the Upper Chindwin.

MOSCOW WAS KEPT IN DARK

When Iran Negotiated Oil Deal With U. S. And Britain

MOSCOW, Dec. 21

Discrimination by Persian ruling circles against the Soviet Government is alleged by the Soviet paper "War and the Working Class" in a lengthy review of the oil concessions question, writes Reuter's Special Correspondent.

The paper says that towards the end of the last year a representative of the Royal Dutch Shell arrived in Teheran and started negotiations for concessions to prospect and drill for oil in Persia, while at the beginning of 1944, representatives of Standard Oil and "Sinclair" arrived in Teheran with similar proposals. "Tests are now being made and the American and British Press present the history of the Persian oil negotiations in the light that they began on the Soviet side without consultation with the Governments in London and Washington."

In reality the initiative came from American and British firms, supported by the Embassies of those countries in Teheran. Moreover, these negotiations took place without any consultation with the Soviet side. The Soviet proposal was first made only this September.

The paper continues: "All attempts to find an economic or legal justification for declining the Soviet proposal are clearly unfounded. The real reason for the decisions of the Persian Government are to be found not in the nature of the present international situation nor in the terms of the Soviet concession, but emphatically in the prejudiced and unfavourable attitude towards the Soviet Union on the part of certain ruling circles in Teheran.

Persian reactionaries are steadily commencing to fall back on the bankrupt plea of foreign policy, which is dangerous because of its consequences for the future of Persia."—Reuter.

BR. POISED FOR POST-WAR EXPORT DRIVE

LONDON, Dec 21

Britain's trade drive is ready to start. Films and radio may be used in "national prestige" campaigns.

The Department of Oversees Trade is to promote sales abroad and officials in all parts of the world are keeping the Department posted with all facts needed.

A new type of official, "Market Officer", is to be appointed overseas. He will have local experience, will collect market information and seek agents for British goods.

As soon as possible after Germany's defeat British industries fair will be revived—probably in the spring of 1946.

Forty-five little hand-books for British manufacturers visiting foreign countries giving them all essential information will be issued free in the new year by the Department.

They will tell businessmen about such things as hotels, customs, currency regulation, business methods and buying seasons. The Department is preparing a series of about 25 up-to-date reports about economic conditions of different countries so as to give the British manufacturers and exporters a bird's eye view of the prospects in any particular country.—United Press.

FAR EASTERN MARKETS TO BE CAPTURED

Indian Commercial Corporation Taking Shape

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

Proposals for an Indian Commercial Corporation—Indian U. K. C. C.—are now taking a definite shape and early decision is expected. As indicated earlier in the week, the Corporation will be state-owned, state-controlled and primarily concerned with the capture of Far Eastern markets for Indian goods. It is expected that an advisory committee will be attached to this body, so that non-official opinion may be associated with it.

TETE-A-TET

WITHOUT COMMENT:—

The Prime Minister really should not come down as a schoolmaster prior to the Christmas holidays waving his birch in front of him instead of wishing all boys a Happy Christmas.
—Mr. Arthur Greenwood.

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Refusing the Congress Party's demand, Sir George Cunningham, Governor of the N.-W. F. Province, argues that "there is not sufficient Government business to justify an autumn session of the Legislative Assembly."

He is right, too. The only business, according to openly proclaimed intention, was to send the present Government out of business. And that could not really be called business, could it?

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"How" asks Mrs. Pandit in an interview with an American paper, "can Indian leaders, who believe in democracy for every one 'get together' when they are in jail?"

Easy. By apologising for Autocracy and promising to behave in future.

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Mr. Anthony Eden has very graciously declared the British Government's "solidarity" with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in the measures he and his American collaborator General Wedemeyer have taken to stop the Japanese.

Yes Sir, the word IS "solidarity." And please don't laugh.

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"Meanwhile" Mr. Eden also added, "outside China, Chinese troops have themselves made a notable contribution by the capture of Bhamo."

They have. A very notable contribution in comparison.

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Replying to the latest commons debate on the subject Mr. Anthony Eden declared: "We went to Greece with neither strategic nor economic advantages in view and without any ulterior motives."

Recalling Mr. Bevin's recent statement that Britain couldn't abandon her interests in eastern Mediterranean you will agree that no ulterior motives are involved. Only very interior ones.

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"I don't know" Mr. Eden complained with some bitterness, "why some members always eagerly suggest we have some sinister purpose."

The report doesn't say so: but we do hope the Right Honourable Ernst Bevin, member of the British War Cabinet, promptly rose and apologised to brother War Cabinet member Eden for saying what he did say at the Labour Conference.

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The London "News Chronicle" reports that King George of Greece is looking for a country house in England.

Good. Every effort should be made to have the house found for him immediately.

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The paper further reports that His non-Greek Hellenic Majesty has been touring the country in search of it and is ready to pay a transfer price running into five figures.

No wonder the destitute starving Greeks don't want him.

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Magistrate (severely): "It took two policemen to bring you here, Pat. Drunk, I suppose?"

Prisoner: "They were, sir. Both o'them."

Govt. To Take Over Podanur-Pollachi Railway

COIMBATORE Dec. 20

The Government of India propose to take over the management of the Podanur-Pollachi Railway from the Coimbatore District Board by October 15, 1945.—A. P.

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Must you waste all this Milk?

There is no ban on serving tea and coffee to any number of guests. You can also serve milk to 49 guests. But must you do it?

Do you need to be told that the greatest need of milk is of children whose only food it is? Do you also need to be told that with the present short supply and high prices children are not getting all the milk they need? No, you know all this. Then you must also know that every cup of milk and every cup of tea and coffee served at a party means starvation of a child of its essential food. And knowing this, you must stop that starvation by refusing to hold any such parties and entertainments.

SPARE ALL THE MILK YOU CAN FOR CHILDREN

They need it most

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SIKHS PROTEST

Fast On Guru Gobind Singh Birthday Anniversary

The Hony. Secretary, Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Poona, writes:

In an emergency meeting held on Tuesday last Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Poona, unanimously passed a resolution to cancel the celebration of the Birthday Anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji today (Friday) as a protest against Government ban on the Sikh Common Dinner known as Guru-ka-Langar on that day and appealed to all Sikhs to observe fast on that day.

Copies of this resolution were sent to the Collector, Poona, Home Secretaries Bombay and Central Governments Parbandhak Committee Amritsar and Singh Sabha Bombay by telegram and to all papers, and Sabhas by post.

Governor At Entertainment To Allies Forces

A record crowd of servicemen of the Allied Forces numbering over 12,000, were entertained at a Christmas Party organised by the Bombay Hospitality Committee at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, on Wednesday night. Sir John Colville, the Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville graced the occasion with their presence.

The repertoire comprised dancing which lasted for three hours, songs cabaret, side-shows and games. The band and cabaret were provided by the Taj.

THANA AGRICULTURISTS TO MEET

Increased Railway Facilities Demanded

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, Dec. 19: The landlords and agriculturists of the Thana and Bombay Suburban District will meet on Saturday the 23rd instant to discuss their various grievances. The meeting will discuss the various orders passed by the Government regarding removal of rice, milling the same etc. It will also urge upon the authorities concerned the need of starting a shuttle service from Dahanu to Virar, with a view to giving adequate opportunities to the agriculturists as well as to the owners of dairy and poultry farms in these parts, to take their goods to the Bombay markets. The meeting will also discuss the hardships of the cattle owners in getting fodder for their animals.

NEWSPAPER PRICES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20: The Government of India in the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies have, by a notification issued to-day, fixed, with effect from January 1, 1945, the following maximum prices for the issues of daily newspapers,

I. Where the newspaper is published on all the days of the week:—

Total number of pages in the issues of one calendar week.	Maximum price per copy. Rs. a. p.
Not less than 56	0 2 0
Less than 56, but not less than 42	0 1 6
Less than 42, but not less than 28	0 1 0
Less than 28	0 0 9

II. Where the newspaper is not published on one or two days of the week:—

Total number of pages in the issues of one calendar week.	Maximum price per copy. Rs. a. p.
Not less than 48	0 2 0
Less than 48, but not less than 36	0 1 6
Less than 36, but not less than 24	0 1 0
Less than 24	0 0 9

BOMBAY RACES

WINTER MEETING—8th DAY

SATURDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1944

DAY TICKETS:

1st Enclosure	Gentlemen	Rs. 3-0-0
	Ladies	 2-0-0
2nd Enclosure	.. .. ..	1-4-0

SEASON TICKET:

(Excluding Hospital Day and War Fund Meetings.)

Gentlemen	Rs. 50-0-0
Ladies	 25-0-0

One per cent. Tote Commission will be donated to the Bombay War Gifts Fund from the racing public and the R.W.I.T.C. will contribute an equal amount from its funds.

All N.C.O.'s and men of H.M.'s and Allied Forces in uniform will be admitted to the 1st and 2nd enclosure at half price.

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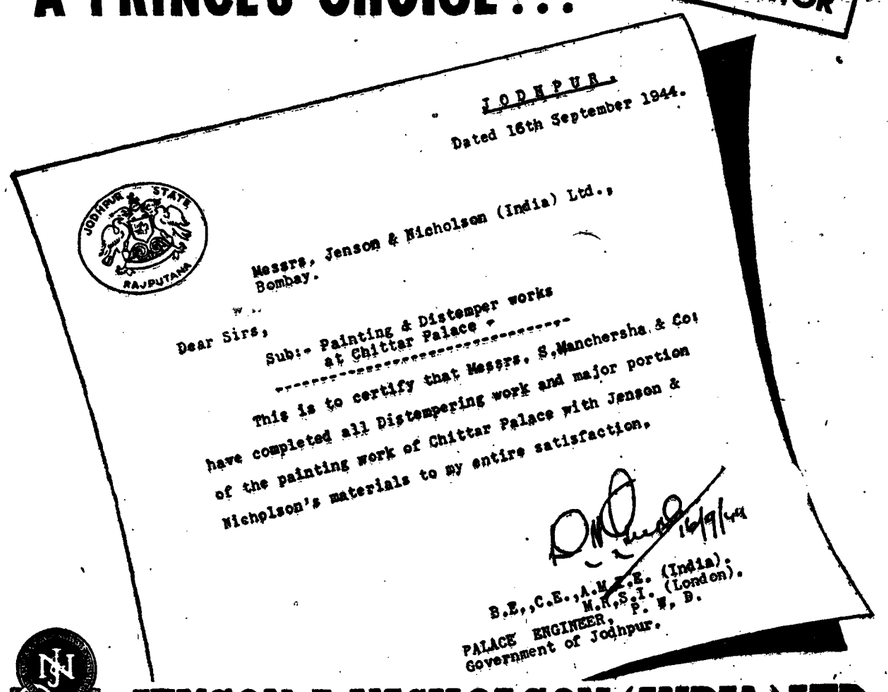
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Cotton Mill Shares Look Up

BULLION MARKET ACTIVE

Rapid Ups And Downs In Cotton Market

BOMBAY, December 21.

The Share Bazar ruled very steady today with persistent buying in cotton Mill shares. Tone was very steady.

Bullion market displayed great activity and tone was firm. Cotton prices recorded rapid ups and downs. Nervous short covering hardened cotton to Rs. 460/8 and liquidation depressed to Rs. 450/-.

The local Share Bazar was quietly steady with a moderate business. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,230 and improved to Rs. 2,240. At this level there was some selling and declined to Rs. 2,235 but again improved to Rs. 2,242. Ordinary Shares were neglected at Rs. 407. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,863 and improved to Rs. 1,880. Kohinoor Mills Shares opened at Rs. 629 and steadied at Rs. 632. Associated Cement Shares were placed at Rs. 249.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

Apollo 4/5 4/4 4/5
Bharat 6/4
Bombay Dyeing 1866/4 62/8 80 75 80 75 81/4 77/8 85 77/8 85 77/8 83/12 80 81/4
Bradbury Ord 352/8
Central India Ord 416 15/8 21 19/6 20 19 21/8 20 22 21/8
Century 843/12 60 45 47/8
Colaba 235 37 35 37/8 37
Edward 810 13/12 10 12/8
Elphinstone Ord 91/8 91 91/8
Elphinstone Pref 128/12
Finlay 313 16/8 14 15 12/8 15/8 15
Gokak 318 16 20 19 21 20 21
India United Defd 3/4/6 3/4 3/4/9 3/4 3/4/6
India United Ord 15/13 15/15 15/14 15/15
Indore 780 83/12 81/4 88/12 87/8
Kohinoor 630 29 34 31 35 32 35 34
Madhusudan 460
Meyer 222/8 24/6 23/12 25 24/6
Model 263/12
Morarjee 701/4
Mysore 325
New City 402/8
New Great Ord 416 21 19/8 24 22 25 22 31
Podar 365
Sassoon Cotton 23
Simplex 277/8 80 78/8 81 79/8 80/8
Swadesh 67½ 75 73 78 76 78 77
Swan 328 31 29/8 31/8 31
Tata Mill 72 72/12 72/8 72/12
Vishnu Cotton 490 91/4 90

BANKS

Baroda 140
Central 84 83/12 84
Habib 80/8
Imperial New 505
India 192/8 192
International 58/12 59
Reserve 134 83/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 222/8
Andhra Ord 1807/8
Tramways Ord 150/4 50/8
Karachi 236/4
Tata Hydro 207/8 7
Tata Power Ord 1902/8 1897/8 1905 1900
Tata Power Pref 1772/8

INSURANCE

British India 21/4
Empire Life 1050
Mercantile 74 74/8
Jupiter 33
New India 81/8 81/12
Vulcan 18/4

Bombay Steam 600 602/8
Scindia 36/2 36/12 36/10 37/4 37/3
Tata Steel Defd 2230 32/8 27/8 41/4 36/4 41/4 37/8 45 40 48/12 42/8 48/12
Tata Steel Ord 405/8 6/8 7/8 6/8 8/8 7/8 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 163/4 63/12

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 448/12 51/4 45 48/12
Associated Cement 249/8 49/12 48 49/8
Belapur 235 34/8 35 34/8
Burma Old 497/8
B. B. Petrol 3/15/3 3/15/9 3/15/6
Devkaran Nanji Investment 28/8
Dharamsey Chemical 55
Indian Bleaching 184 85/8
Premier Construction Ord 222 28/8 25/8 29 27 28
Premier Construction 2nd Pref 138/12
Shivrajpur 60 59 60/4
Tata Chemical 20/12 20/14 20/13
Tata Oil 74 74/4 73/8 74/8 74
Walchandnagar Ord 602/8
Universal Fire Genl. Insurance 15/14 16 15/14
Supreme Industries Pref. 124

Gold & Silver

In view of holidays the Reserve Bank is said to accept for 1,600 bars of Silver to-morrow. The Bank sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 131/12 m. Rs. 131/14 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 70/14. Forward Silver opened to-day at Rs. 128 and advanced to Rs. 131 and later steadied at Rs. 130/-. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of annas four at Rs. 130/8. Forward Gold opened to-day at Rs. 70/2 and advanced to Rs. 70/15 but later steadied at Rs. 70/12. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 70/14.

The market was firm with active buying in Gold. Closing quotations. Ready Silver Rs. 131/6. Forward Rs. 131. Ready Gold Rs. 71/10. Forward Rs. 71/8. Sovereigns Rs. 49.

Bombay Cotton

The local Cotton Market will close to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. The market opened to-day at Rs. 454 for March delivery and improved to Rs. under small buying. At the rise there was some realising and March declined to Rs. 451 and steadied at Rs. 451/8. The market is awaiting the crop estimate and general expectation is 42 lakh bales crop.

There was scattered selling and at 2 p.m. March was quoted at Rs. 450. Thereafter there was a steady flow of short covering and March advanced to Rs. 456. Before the crop report March stood at Rs. 454. The All-India Cotton Crop area was announced 11,560,000 acres which was 24 per cent lower. March advanced to Rs. 459.

March rose to Rs. 460/8 on nervous short covering. The rise being too rapid naturally bulls unloaded and March declined to Rs. 449. Bulls look for a crop of 35 lakh bales and Bears anticipate 40 lakhs. But the fact remains that the supply will be equal to demand and statistical position is expected to improve resulting in higher levels eventually. The market steadied at Rs. 450 and finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	450	8	0
I.C.C. May	461	8	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	H.	Lo.	Close
I.C.C. March	452/8	44?/8	450
I.C.C. May	463	455	
Karachi March	45/13/3	45/6/6	45/6/6

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March contract is 457 cent points below New York March exchange rate 391.

NARROW MOVEMENT IN N.Y. COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Ginnings were about as expected. The action of the stock market and less favourable interpretation of war news were disregarded. Scattering offerings partially due to selling for tax purposes were offset by trade buying and price-fixing. The session closed steady. Total ginnings as of December 13th 10,537,569 bales. March opened at 21.95 which was the highest level and declined to 21.91. The market closed at a decline of 8 to 10 points. Spot cotton prices declined 2 points at 22.32 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 20.

January 21.76—04 March 21.91—03. May 21.85—03, July 21.44—05, October 20.59—05, December 20.46—10, March highest (10 a.m.) 21.93+01, March lowest (3 p.m.) 21.91—03, Middling Spot 22.32—02.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March 21.92, May 21.86, July 21.46.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March 21.94—03, May 21.88—02, July 21.49 +07, Middling Spot 21.40—05.

FREE MARINE WAR RISK COVER ON YARN

The Government of India have decided to afford free Marine War Risks Cover on yarn transported by sea between Madras &/or Tuticorin to Calcutta from 16-12-44 to 15-1-1945. Free Marine War Risks will be given provided the consignor or consignee has already insured the consignment against Marine Risks with an Insurance Company or Underwriter and an application for free Marine War Risks accompanied by a certified copy of the Marine Risk Policy is made to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, prior to shipment.

By a notification issued by the Textile Commissioner, it is provided that no person should sell ordinary loom pickers of all types required by the Textile Industry, (other than jute and hemp) at a price exceeding Rs. 210 per gross f.o.r. port of entry or town of manufacture in India with effect from 1st December 1944.

Renewal Of Kerosene Cards

Kerosene oil ration cards issued in Bombay City for lighting purposes and marked K (L) will be renewed by pasting slips over them by the Rationing Office staff at each of the Kerosene shops in the City where such cards are registered. Where a card is not in a condition to last for a further period or where it requires any change in it, the holder will be directed to his Ward Rationing Office to get the card renewed. Where it will not be possible to renew the cards of all the card holders coming on a particular day in the initial rush, it will be necessary for them to come again on the day indicated by the Renewal clerk.

No oil will be served on K(L) cards in January, 1945 and thereafter unless they are renewed either by the renewal clerk during January 1945 or by the Ward Rationing Office, after January, 31, 1945.

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No delay. No spoon. No glass of water. Before you know it, all stomach pain and heartburn have gone, and you are your old self again. No wonder doctors recommend these pleasant-tasting tablets. Get a packet to-day at your chemist, store, or kiosk.

DIGEST IN RENNIES

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MILK *at Cheap Rates for* CHILDREN

& EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS.

The Government's subsidised-milk-for-infants scheme in Bombay City has been extended to children below six years of age.

Expectant and nursing mothers will also get milk under the scheme from the fourth month of pregnancy until two months after delivery.

Each such child and each such mother will get one quarter seer per day at a subsidised rate.

Please apply in 'R' form at your Ward Rationing Office for milk ration cards for persons included in the above categories. Take the foodgrains ration card of the person concerned, where available, or of the head of the household both at the time of applying for and obtaining the milk ration cards.

Preserve the cards carefully till the date of registration which will be announced in due course.

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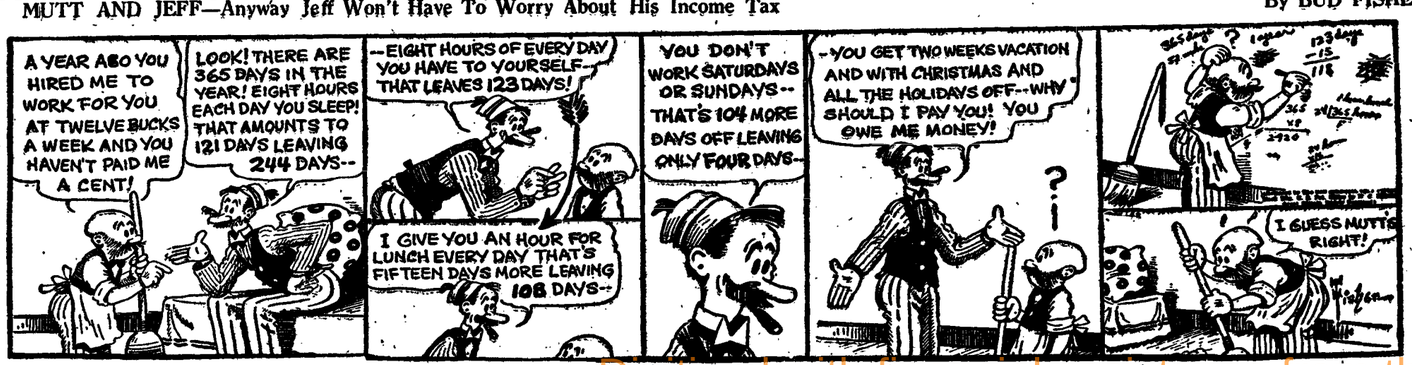
MUTT AND JEFF—Anyway Jeff Won't Have To Worry About His Income Tax

By BUD FISHER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LOOK! THERE ARE 365 DAYS IN THE YEAR! EIGHT HOURS EACH DAY YOU SLEEP! THAT AMOUNTS TO 121 DAYS LEAVING 244 DAYS--
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Wanted one Assistant Surgeon and one Compounder for Deolali South. Forward copies of qualifications and pay required to Post Box No. 1476 "Bombay Chronicle." (1111)

Wanted Competent Assistant for Laundry. Must have experience of marking, sorting, bundling, etc. Apply immediately A1 Laundry, Proctor Road, Grant Road, Bombay. (1111)

Wanted a Head Time-keeper for a running Cement Works in Kathiawar, efficient in work and able to control staff. Please apply stating age, experience with copies of testimonials and the minimum salary expected to Box No. 1482, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted an experienced Sales Officer to look after the sales section of a large upcountry Textile Mill. Must be well versed in weaving calculation as well as commercial side of cloth & yarn. Salary according to qualifications. Apply with full particulars to Box No. 1479, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Graduate Teachers, preferably trained to teach (1) Mathematics, (2) History and Geography (3) French and English. Starting pay Rs 60 p.m. in scale of 60-5-110. M. A. or B.T. Rs. 10 more. Dearness allowance Rs. 15 p.m. Those employed elsewhere must apply through present employers. Apply early with testimonials to Principal, Shen A. P. High School, Santacruz. 1478

Wanted Automobile Mechanic, having full knowledge for repairing vehicles of all makes. Pay Rs. 150-20-250 according to qualifications. Those with good testimonials should apply to Sholapur Motor Transport, Ltd. Lloyd Bridge, Poona. 1464

Wanted—a temporary class II Research Asst. for the Indian Lac Research Inst. Namkum in the scale Rs. 150-150-10-200- (E B.) 15-305 with free unfurnished quarters or a house rent allowance of 10 p. c. of pay in lieu thereof. Candidates must be at least M.Sc.'s in Zoology with research experience in Entomology. Applications must reach the Director, Indian Lac Research Institute, P. O. Namkum, Ranchi on or before the 3rd January, 1945. 1481

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Wanted Stenographer and Typist at Rs. 108/- and Rs. 68/- including dearness allowance respectively. Apply in person with application, testimonials etc. to the Exhibitions Art Director, Exhibition Studio, Cross Maidan, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay. (1465)

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Modern Building for Sale, Road 4 Parsee Colony, 708, Laxman Bhuwan, Dadar. Apply Dalaya, 389 Krishna Kuti, Matunga, Kings Circle 6868

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AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents to book orders (wholesale or retail) for teas for all grades available with our firm. For terms apply to: The Original Tea Mart, Post Box No. 166, Coimbatore. 6871

Wanted Chief Agents for every Province in India except Bengal for a long established and respectable Provident Company. Apply Post Box 2029 (A. P.), Calcutta. 6857

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Superintendent for a certified School to be newly started at Malsiras in Sholapur District. The scale of the post is Rs. 75-5-135—E.B.-15/2-150.

(1) The applicant should have passed at least the Matriculation Examination of the Bombay University or its equivalent from any other University. Preference will be given to Graduates.

(2) He should be over 22 years of age and possess good personality and good physique. He should be something of an athlete or an all round sportsman able to play and teach both Indian and English games.

(3) Administrative experience in the management of an institution will be counted as an additional qualification.

(4) The applicant should have had some experience in dealing with boys.

Applicants should give CLEARLY their full name, address, date of birth, religion, caste, with subcaste, native place with district. Application should reach the undersigned on or before 2-1-1945.

A. K. KHAN,
Chief Inspector of Certified Schools, Bombay Province, Poona. 1481

THE TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the certificates for Twenty Ordinary Shares Nos. 0-280092/108 and 307177/181 of the Tata Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., standing in the name of the undersigned have been lost or mislaid along with the relative transfer deeds signed by him in blank as transferor and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its registered Office, Bombay House, 24 Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates.

HARIDAS DAMODAR,
No. 66, Karwar Street,
Frere Road, 3rd Floor. (1486)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

Stores Department

TENDERS for the annual supply of materials mentioned below will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay for the year ending 28th February, 1946 on WEDNESDAY, the 10th January, 1945.

(1) Baskets, Bamboo; (2) Baskets, cane and cane; (3) Belting Hair and Canvas; (4) Belting leather; (5) Belting Patent; (6) Brooms, Goa, etc.; (7) Brushes, paint, etc.; (8) Brushes, sweeping, etc.; (9) Bullock shoes, nails, pins, etc.; (10) Canvas; (11) Charcoal & Firewood; (12) Electrodes; (13) Leather Goods; (14) Leather Hide; (15) Rubber Goods; (16) Waste Cotton; (17) Cloth Oil and Rubber Sheeting; (18) Boots, Ammunition, etc.; (19) Coats, Waterproof; (20) Coats, Woollen; (21) Cumblees and (22) Umbrellas.

Tender and Contract forms will be issued by the undersigned on payment of Re. 1/- per set of agreement forms and Annas 4/- per set of schedule forms. Tenderers must bring their tenders duly sealed to the Municipal Office and deliver them at the Chief Accountant's Office. Tenderers will not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other Municipal Office.

Any further information required will be supplied on an application to the undersigned (TENDER FORMS WILL NOT BE SENT BY V. P. P.).

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
A. H. K. SHAIKH,
Controller of Stores.

Office of the Controller of Stores, 566, DeLisle Road, Bombay No. 11, 22nd December, 1944. 1485

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Wanted Agencies of any merchandise particularly, vegetable ghee, provision, toilet, leather goods, for Sind and Baluchistan. Representative influential firm now here for one week. Write Box No. 6886, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted Electric Motor 20-H. P. low revolutions, 440 volts, 3 phase, 50 cycles, Slip ring with reversing drum controller resistance. State price. Guaranteed good condition. Apply Nilambur Mines Ltd., Devala, Nilgiris 6870

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MISCELLANEOUS ADLET

For Tinplates and Terneplates at Controlled rates. Refer to Shreenath Khandelwal & Co. Government Controlled Stockists, Karachi. (6749).

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Wanted wholesale buyers for high quality paints and shaving brushes. Apply Box No. 6882, "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE FIVE MILLS and the Dye Works owned by the Company are generally known by the names specified in the first column hereunder written. It is hereby notified that with effect from 1st January, 1945, the Mills and the Dye Works will be known by the respective designations given in the second column hereunder written.

1. The Jacob Sassoon Mills	The India United Mills, Ltd. No. 1 Mill
2. The Alexandra Mills	The India United Mills, Ltd. No. 2 Mill
3. E. D. Sassoon Mills	The India United Mills, Ltd. No. 3 Mill
4. The Rachel Sassoon Mills	The India United Mills, Ltd. No. 4 Mill
5. Manchester Mills	The India United Mills, Ltd. No. 5 Mill
6. The E. D. Sassoon Turkey Red Dye Works	The India United Mills, Ltd. Dye Works

For The India United Mills, Ltd.,
AGARWAL & CO.,
Agents.

Bombay, 14th December, 1944. 1471

G. I. P. RAILWAY

PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE

WITH EFFECT from 1st January, 1945, No. 27 Dn. Bhusaval Fast Passenger WILL HALT AT PARDHADE while 11 Dn. North East Passenger will NOT halt at Pardhade. The timings of both these trains will therefore be revised between Pachora and Bhusaval as follows:

		27 Down H.M.	11 Down H.M.
Pachora	Arr.	16—50	23—30
	Dep.	17—00	23—58
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Maheji	Dep.	17—18	0—12
Mhasavad	Dep.	17—32	0—27
Shirsoli	Dep.	17—43	———
Jalgaon	Arr.	17—58	0—53
	Dep.	18—08	1—03
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WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from qualified Sanitary Inspectors or from persons with L. C. P. S., or repeaters for L. C. P. S., for the temporary posts of Supervisors in connection with cyanogas fumigation of grain godowns in different Districts of the Province. Pay Rs. 90 p.m. PLUS Permanent travelling allowance Rs 40 p.m. and dearness allowance as may be sanctioned by Government from time to time. The selected candidates will have to undergo training for about a week at a selected place. They will not be entitled to pay or travelling allowance in connection with training or to join the appointment.

Applications stating name in full place and date of birth, caste and sub-caste, previous experience and languages known together with copies of certificates regarding moral character, should reach the Director of Public Health for the Government of Bombay, Poona, before 10th January, 1945. 1477

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED by 10-2-1945 for post of SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSING SERVICES, Bombay. PAY.—Rs. 550-800, plus war allowance, if admissible. AGE.—Ordinarily not more than 50 years on 1-4-1945. QUALIFICATIONS.—(a) Qualifications registrable with the Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors' Council as a fully trained Nurse in Medical and surgical nursing of men, women and children, (b) wide administrative and teaching experience, and experience as Matron or Sister or Sister tutor in a hospital recognised for the training of nurses and (c) good knowledge of English. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. (1469)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one Certificate for ten shares Nos. 47077 to 47086 of the Shivrajpur Syndicate, Ltd., standing in the name of Dr. Pandurang Laxman Deshmukh and Mrs. Shakuntala Deshmukh has been lost or mislaid. The public are hereby warned against purchasing or dealing with above certificate in any way but are requested to give information about the same to the undersigned.

Dr. P. L. DESHMUKH,
48, Shukrawar Peth, Poona 2. (6879)

NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED upto 5-1-1945, by the undersigned for a work costing nearly Rs. 12 Lakhs near Nagpur.

Details regarding the nature of the work and conditions of tender etc. can be obtained from the office of the undersigned by application in person or by duly authorised agent.

P. V. ABRAHAM,
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Central Division, Central P.W.D.,
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R. K JOSHI,
Assistant Controller of Rationing,
Bombay.
20 December, 1944. 1133

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.

Applications are invited by 10-2-45 for posts of (i) LAND IMPROVEMENT INVESTIGATOR (ii) SOIL ENGINEER at the Land Improvement Research Station, Sholapur. PAY Rs. 150-500 plus war allowance. Higher starting pay admissible. AGE.—Ordinarily not more than 40 on 1-4-45. QUALIFICATIONS.—For (i) Land Improvement Investigator—Good degree in Science or Agriculture, preferably with special reference to Soil Science. For (ii) Soil Engineer—Degree in Civil Engineering with special knowledge in hydraulics and applied mechanics. Application forms supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will supply full details on request. 1468

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney granted by us in favour of Mr. K. S. N. Murthy, formerly Agent of our Bombay Fort Office has been revoked since he has ceased to be in the service of this Bank with effect from 15th December, 1944.

D. N. RAO,
Manager. (1475)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for posts of Overseers under the Special Officer (Electric Grid), Bombay, in the scale of Rs. 70-5-110-10-250 (Graduates to start on Rs. 120) plus dearness allowance admissible.

Higher starting pay within the above scale may be allowed to well qualified candidates, subject to the proviso that they will not be eligible for further increments in the scale without Government sanction.

Candidates should possess a University degree in Civil Engineering or a Diploma in Civil Engineering of a recognised Institute. Subsequent practical experience in Civil Engineering will be considered an advantage.

Applications giving full particulars regarding age, domicile, caste and sub-caste, academic qualifications and practical experience, etc., should reach the Special Officer (Bombay Electric Grid), Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay, on or before the 8th January, 1945. (1480)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AVANBAI DINSHA SHROFF, RATANSHAW DINSHA SHROFF, DHANJISHA DINSHAW SHROFF and GULESTAN JEHANGIR JESSAWALLA, of Bombay (Parsi) Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

1STLY:—All that piece or parcel of Land or ground with the messuage tenement or bungalow outhouses, well, garrages and wire fencing, etc., standing thereon situate at Amraoti Camp, containing by admeasurement 110666 (One lac ten thousand six hundred and sixty-six) Square feet or thereabouts and bearing Plot 6 and Sheet No. 42 and bounded as follows: on or towards the East by the property of Sir Moropant Joshi, on or towards the West partly by the property of Rao Bahadur Naranjame and partly by Police Quarters, on or towards the North by the property of Ramrao Deshmukh, on or towards the South by the Public Road.

2NDLY:—All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage tenement or bungalow outhouses garrages and wire fencing standing thereon situate at Amraoti City near Police Station and containing by admeasurement 13344 (Thirteen thousand three hundred and forty-four) Square feet and bearing Plot No. 16 and Sheet No. 56B and bounded as follows: On or towards the East by the Municipal Anglo-Vernacular School, on or towards the West by Dharamshala, on or towards the North by open site and beyond that by Public Road, on or towards the South by the Public Road.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1944.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHIRINBAI widow, Minoo, Aruch, Boman sons and Dinabai daughter of Ardeshir Hormusji Geveralva have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim to or upon or interest in the said property by way of mortgage, charge, inheritance, lease, sale, gift, lien, or otherwise, howsoever, are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived and the purchase will be completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

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Dated the 19th day of December, 1944.

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 153 OF 1944

Re: Chandulal Hargovandas Shah, residing at 3rd floor, Daya Mandir, Mumbhadevi, Pydhonie, Bombay: . A Debtor.
Ex parte: Brijmohan Lakshminarayan: .. Petitioning Creditor.

On the 19th day of December, 1944, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the above-named Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1944.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
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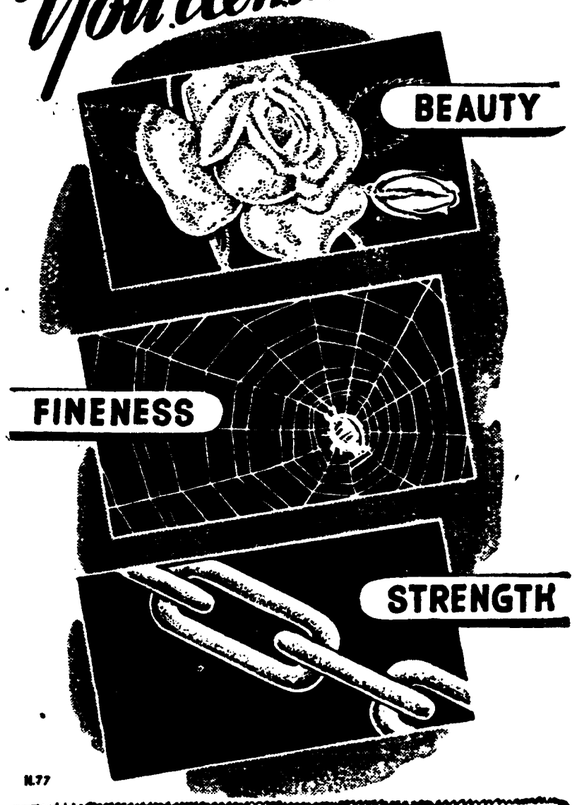

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